



College Bulletin

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We wish the best of luck to all College students in their exams this term!

Year 12

The Sports Leaders planned a Year 7/8 girls Rugby tournament and delivered it to 40 students. The leaders took responsibility for the event and delivered skills sessions before officiating some tag games. The afternoon was really positive and it's great to see how much they have developed as leaders since the start of the year. Great job; Megan Smith, Molly Frogson, Kate Rowson, Jess Paine, Heather Higgs, Amy Whittaker, Darcey Cleland, Pi Clark, Leighton Turner, Joe Burns and James Millar.



The Pathways to Law programme is run by Nottingham Trent University and The University of Nottingham to provide students who are interested in studying Law at degree level an insight into the legal profession. The programme runs over a two year period, throughout A level studies and is made up of several elements including university taster sessions, e-mentoring, a work placement and a national conference. Students have the opportunity to attend trials, liaise with barristers and solicitors and attend conferences provided by legal experts. We have four year 12 students on the programme this year; Anna Jones, Shannon Cahill, Jacob Baker-Telling and Leah Halford. They are really enjoying the programme so far.

Oxbridge Student Conference, Edgbaston, Birmingham – 28th March 2017

As a part of our ongoing commitment to inspire the highest aspirations in our students, 14 pupils were invited to attend the Oxford and Cambridge student conference at Edgbaston Cricket Ground in Birmingham. This conference is designed to provide up-to-date information on the application and admissions procedure at both institutions as well as providing an insight into student life. The events are aimed at year 12 students who are planning to undertake further study at a higher level beyond Toot Hill School. Students were given a series of lectures and open discussions on a wide range of topics associated with higher education at these esteemed institutions.

The day began with a lecture on the UCAS application process, with much well received advice on how to make a competitive application, including suitable personal statement content and the necessary extracurricular activities that help a student stand out. We were invited to meet with current students and admissions tutors to discuss their experiences and seek advice on particular courses or colleges.

The day was then opened up, with students free to attend a wide range of talks across the academic spectrum. Fascinating lectures were given on mainstream subjects such as Physics, Mathematics, English Literature and Law. Alongside these, students were able to explore a variety of more esoteric subjects such as Archaeology, Political Science and even Medieval Languages.

This was a fascinating and inspiring trip for all our pupils and has acted as both a catalyst for these pupils to pursue an application at one of these Universities. Applications for the 2018 academic year open in September and close by October 15th 2018. I hope that this trip will serve to encourage students to aspire and achieve in all that they study.



Huge congratulations to Jonathan Aldrich, Jenny Graham, James Kirk and Elizabeth Rieley for their work on the Engineering Education Scheme. Their project researched the impact of solar-powered windows, concluding that while there were many advantages, these were not a viable solution for the problem in question at the moment. Their presentation was nominated as one of the best of the day - well done!

Year 13

Tickets have been on sale for the College Ball which will be held on 7th July at Nottingham's Park Plaza Hotel. The ticket price includes 2 course buffet, fruit cocktail and entertainment. The Student Union have chosen the theme of The Great Gatsby. All tickets are now sold, please see Trina if you would still like to attend.

Boots have launched their apprenticeship programme - fantastic opportunities for both Year 11 and 13. See www.boots.jobs/apprenticeships for more information. If you need any help please call into the School's Careers Office.

The Year 13 Leavers' Breakfast took place on Friday 26th May, the final Friday before the May half term. It was great to see the whole of Year 13 dressed up in their chosen theme this year - 'no theme!' Costumes ranged from the Wizard of Oz, to a team of basketball players, to the Queen herself! All Year 13 students enjoyed a complimentary full English breakfast, and the morning included viewing photos of students from this year and from many years ago in school, watching their mentor team perform in Mr. Travis' 'car karaoke' video, and speeches from members of staff.



Year 12 and Year 13

Huge congratulations to the silver award students who have all successfully completed their qualifying expedition in Derbyshire...and passed with flying colours! Gold students explored the dark peak recently on their practice expedition and are soon to challenge themselves with their final, qualifying expedition. All DofE students are reminded to upload evidence of their skill, physical and volunteering activities to the DofE website and that they should finish by the end of term. Many thanks to Mr Mercer, Miss Warburton, Mr Wood and Mrs Fox as well as community volunteers Barbara Green, Simon Barnicott and Colin Hume for their ongoing support.

Thank you to Lucy Anderson and Emily Milward-Cooney who organised an afterschool yoga session for all College students recently; both students and staff attended and it was timed well to help a general de-stress during the revision period!





On Wednesday 24th May, the incumbent Student Union will be inviting applications from the current Year 12 cohort to become the new College Student Union. A huge thanks to this current team, led by Sophie Lloyd and Becca Culley, who have been exemplary in their work for the College. We wish every applicant the very best of luck in their applications, and for their upcoming interview with Mr. Waterland, the Chair of Governors, which will take place on Wednesday 7th June.

Here's a few words from our current Student Union ambassadors on their experience;

'We wanted to let you know about our year on the Student Union. We were so determined to be a voice for all of the students in college and to make positive changes. Being part of the Union gave us lots of responsibility and we were able to be involved in lots of events and fundraisers. Here are a few things that we have done: inter tutor set volleyball, Christmas activities, vending machine, changes to the Curve menu, leaver's day, College Ball, hoodies and we are currently planning the annual tennis tournament.'

'It allowed us to learn what it is like to be in the working world- to balance lots of jobs and keep on top of things. Being able to say that we were part of the Student Union boosted both our personal statements and our CVs. We learnt a lot and really enjoyed our time as Presidents. If you have any ideas about changes that can be made to the college or want to be more involved at Toot Hill, we'd definitely recommend applying.'

*Good luck,
Sophie and Becca*

The Student Union has recently organised the selection, through a whole College vote, of 'motivational' posters to decorate the College study rooms. We hope this provides additional motivation for any upcoming exams! Students should be highly commended on their work ethic over the last few months, which has been apparent in the way they have been working in the College study rooms and study atrium.

Upcoming Events

15th May—29th June 2017	Examinations
26th May 2017	Y13 Celebration Breakfast
19th -23rd June 2017	Y12 Internal Assessment Week
20/21st June 2017	College Induction Days
3rd-7th July 2017	Boots Work Inspiration Week—check www.boots.jobs for details
7th July 2017	College Ball
17th-21st July 2017	Year 12 Work Experience